

HOUSE BILL 1393

By Faison

AN ACT to name the Wolf Creek Bridge on U.S. Highway 25/70 in Cocke County as the "Michael Gerald (Mickey) Gibbs Memorial Bridge".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the bridge on U.S. Highway 25/70 in Cocke County that is commonly known as the Wolf Creek Bridge and that spans the French Broad River is hereby designated as the "Michael Gerald (Mickey) Gibbs Memorial Bridge" in recognition of the life of valor and death in combat of Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Michael Gerald (Mickey) Gibbs, United States Navy, who made the ultimate sacrifice on April 25, 1967, while gallantly serving his country in South Vietnam. For his valor and intrepidity for actions during the Vietnam War, Hospitalman Gibbs was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart, the National Defense Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

SECTION 2. The state department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Michael Gerald (Mickey) Gibbs Memorial Bridge". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-1-133.

SECTION 3. The erection of signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that this act shall not render the state in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.